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## Om! Namo Bhagavatyai Ārya-Prajñāpāramitāyai!

Hail! Reverence to the Gracious and Noble Perfection of Wisdom

## Ārya-Avalokiteśvaro Bodhisattvo,

The Noble Buddha-to-be Avalokiteśvara.

#### gambhīrām prajñāpāramitā caryām caramāņo,

while dwelling deep in the practice of the perfection of wisdom,

#### vyavalokayati sma panca-skandhāms

beheld these five constituent groups (of mind and body)

#### tāms ca svabhāvasūnyān pasyati sma.

and saw them empty of self-nature.

## Iha, Śāriputra, rūpam śūnyatā, śūnyataiva rūpam;

Here, Śāriputra, form is emptiness, emptiness is surely form;

#### rūpān na pṛthak śūnyatā, śunyatāyā na pṛthag rūpam;

emptiness is not different from form, form is not different from emptiness;

#### yad rūpam, sā śūnyatā; ya śūnyatā, tad rūpam;

whatever form there is, that is emptiness; whatever emptiness there is, that is form.

#### evam eva vedanā-samjñā-samskāra-vijñānam.

the same for feelings, perceptions, volitional processes and consciousness.

## Iha, Śāriputra, sarva-dharmāḥ śūnyatā-lakṣaṇā,

Here, Śāriputra, all things have the characteristic of emptiness,

#### anutpannā, aniruddhā; amalā, avimalā; anūnā, aparipūrņāh.

no arising, no ceasing; no purity, no impurity; no deficiency, no completeness.

I have made one or two small adjustments to the text, following the notes by Jayarava in his various articles on the text: http://jayarava.blogspot.com/search?q=heart+sutra, which have also helped me to understand sections of the text better.

## Tasmāc Śāriputra, śūnyatāyām

Therefore, Śāriputra, in emptiness

## na rūpam, na vedanā, na samjñā, na samskārāḥ, na vijñānam;

there is no form, no feeling, no perception, no volitional processes, no consciousness;

#### na caksuḥ-śrotra-ghrāna-jihvā-kāya-manāmsi;

there are no eye, ear, nose, tongue, body or mind;

#### na rūpa-śabda-gandha-rasa-sprastavya-dharmāh;

no forms, sounds, smells, tastes, touches, thoughts;

#### na cakṣūr-dhātur yāvan na manovijñāna-dhātuḥ;

no eye-element (and so on) up to no mind-consciousness element;

#### na avidyā, na avidyā-kṣayo yāvan na jarā-maraṇam, na jarā-maraṇa-kṣayo;

no ignorance, no destruction of ignorance (and so on) up to no old age and death, no destruction of old age and death;

#### na duhkha-samudaya-nirodha-mārgā;

no suffering, arising, cessation, path;

#### na jñānam, na prāptir na aprāptiķ.

no knowledge, no attainment, no non-attainment.

## Tasmāc Śāriputra, aprāptitvād Bodhisattvasya

Therefore, Śāriputra, because of the Buddha-to-be's non-attainments

#### Prajñāpāramitām āśritya, viharaty acittāvaraņaķ,

he relies on the Perfection of Wisdom, and dwells with his mind unobstructed,

#### cittāvarana-nāstitvād atrastro,

having an unobstructed mind he does not tremble,

#### viparyāsa-atikrānto, niṣṭhā-Nirvāṇa-prāptaḥ.

overcoming opposition, he attains the state of Nirvāna.

#### Tryadhva-vyavasthitāh sarva-Buddhāh

All the Buddhas abiding in the three times

#### Prajñāpāramitām āśritya

through relying on the Perfection of Wisdom

#### anuttarām Samyaksambodhim abhisambuddhāh.

fully awaken to the unsurpassed Perfect and Complete Awakening.

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## Tasmāj jñātavyam Prajñāpāramitā mahā-mantro,

Therefore one should know the Perfection of Wisdom is a great mantra,

## mahā-vidyā mantro, 'nuttara-mantro, samasama-mantraḥ,

a great scientific mantra, an unsurpassed mantra, an unmatched mantra,

#### sarva duhkha prasamanah, satyam, amithyatvāt.

the subduer of all suffering, the truth, not falsehood.

#### Prajñāpāramitāyām ukto mantraḥ tad-yathā:

In the Perfection of Wisdom the mantra has been uttered in this way:

## gate, gate, pāragate, pārasamgate, Bodhi, svāhā!

gone, gone, gone beyond, gone completely beyond, Awakening, blessings!

#### Iti Prajñāpāramitā-Hṛdayam Samāptam

Thus the Heart of the Perfection of Wisdom is Complete